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## **CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Iowa Utilities Board Building  
1375 E. Court Avenue, Rooms 1-2  
Des Moines, Iowa**

**November 18, 2015**

- Present:** Tom Walton, Chair; Kim Cheeks; DeAnn Decker; Tom Ferguson; Andrea Muelhaupt for John Hodges; Mary Kovacevich; Michelle Leonard; Lettie Prell; Kurt Swaim; Tony Thompson; Doug Wolfe; Dale Woolery for Steve Lukan
- Ex-Officio:** Hon. Romonda Belcher; Hon. Jeffrey Neary; Rep. Bob Kressig; Sen. Charles Schneider; Sen. Steven Soddors
- Staff:** Steve Michael; Kile Beisner; Cheryl Davidson; Sarah Johnson; Julie Rinker; Lanette Watson
- Others:** Cathy Engel; Anna Hyatt-Crozier; Marty Ryan; Sheila Corsbie; Jean Basinger; JoAnn Finkenbinder; Rebecca Stout

#### **I. Approval of Minutes—September 16, 2015**

Sheriff Tony Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, seconded by Doug Wolfe. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **II. Division Update**

Steve Michael, CJJP Division Administrator, provided the following update:

- Jeff Regula was hired to fill the statistical research analyst vacancy.
- Council of State Governments (CSG) 50-state Forum was attended by a five-member delegation including Michael and Senator Steven Soddors. As a result, there is a competitive opportunity for Iowa to receive intensive technical assistance to develop a statewide plan to improve outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. The plan must involve all three branches of government, plus multiple local and state agencies. If selected, Iowa is eligible to apply for federal funding up to \$1 million to implement the plan.
- Results First—Representatives from the PEW Charitable Trust conducted a site visit in October. A meeting was held with the Legislative Government Oversight Efficiency Committee. Michael suggested if staff were added, that CJJP could

become the entity to conduct Results First analyses in areas other than corrections—juvenile justice, substance abuse, mental health, and early childhood. Other meetings were held with individuals from the Department of Public Health and Early Childhood.

- The Prison Population Forecast will soon be completed.
- Juvenile Reentry—Iowa was awarded funding to implement a juvenile reentry plan that will create a structure for youth to receive supports when leaving the Boys' State Training School, Psychiatric Medical Institutes for Children, or group care. A coordinator will be hired and staffed within State Court Administration.
- SAC grant—this year's SAC grant funds will go towards 1) creating a public access portal for Justice Data Warehouse aggregate data and 2) improving the quality of UCR data housed by the Department of Public Safety.

### III. Reports

#### • Legislation Monitoring

Sarah Johnson, CJJP, reviewed edits in the legislation monitoring report that were requested during the last meeting.

Discussion included:

- The components of correctional impact statements which include increases/decreases in state costs.
- The format of the monitoring report, with specific discussion pertaining to the length of the report and whether an annual review of certain legislation was necessary.
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Staff noted that effects of legislation could continue to be monitored and any significant changes or trends could be included in the report.

For discussion at a future meeting, there was consensus to have staff review options to reformat the report to summarize necessary data and information pertaining to current legislation or historical legislation that is having a particular impact. .

**Dale Woolery moved to approve the 2016 monitoring report, seconded by Michelle Leonard. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### • Five-Year Plan Update

Michael reviewed the update which includes current research, projects, and the various programs within CJJP. The format is different than years past.

Council members applauded the new format. There was no further discussion.

**Lettie Prell moved to approve the update, seconded by Tom Ferguson. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**IV. Meeting During DHR Legislative Day – March 3, 2016**

This matter was discussed during the Public Safety Advisory Board meeting.

**V. Issues for Next Meeting**

There was interest to have the Board of Parole and the Office of the State Public Defender present information at the next meeting. Members were particularly concerned with the quality of legal representation in rural areas. Walton asked CJJP staff to look into whether information could be provided at the next meeting.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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